

## **Abstract of the Disclosure**

The present invention relates to search technology involving classification and matching of attributes and requirements. It is applicable to classifying and matching any type of knowledge, skills, know-how, services, materials, equipment, or other data where the matching of attributes and/or requirements is useful to an entity such as a person or organization. The present invention enables matching the candidates with requirements on a worldwide scale. Also, the present invention can identify which candidate possesses certain useful characteristics, properties, skills, know-how, and capabilities. Concepts such as the types of services or industries served, to be searched can be represented with numeric codes. Users preferably only see menus in their own language. The hierarchical structure conveys the relationship between concepts (from the very general to the very specific). It provides grading of "near-hits" while eliminating irrelevant matches in the searching process.